



Pride in Our Art



This term the children have experienced the first unit in the Art curriculum with painting as the focus across the school. The children have applied the techniques used by their artist to produce work of fantastic quality.

The teachers take the children through a 5 week unit learning about the work of the artist and

the techniques used in their work. They then practice these skills over several weeks before applying them in their final piece.

In reception the children learn about colour mixing and painting repeated patterns in the style of Andy Warhol. Y1 focussed on the use of primary colours in Roy Liechtenstein's work. Y2 painted animal masks inspired by the Lion King.

In Y3 children learn about tints and shades and directional brushstrokes through the work of Judy Chicago. Year 4 have been drawing self portraits in the style of Picasso.

Year 5 use water colours to recreate photographs of Bristol harbour. They were fortunate to have expert tuition from parent and artist Joanna Reynolds who filmed a time-lapse video of herself painting the photograph and shared this with the children to help them in their work. Year 6 used oil paints to recreate the work of Georgia O'Keefe.

The standard of work is exceptional and is often commented on by visitors to the school. A selection of work will be on show in the entrance corridor after half term.

Our Amazing PTA

It was great to see so many children enjoying the three discos arranged and run by our hardworking PTA yesterday evening. There was lots of dancing, lots of smiling and the ever-popular knee slide across the dance floor



The disco was one of the many events the PTA organise for the school. Not only do they bring the community together but they raise much needed funds for the school. The next event in the PTA calendar is the popular Books at Bedtime event taking place on the evening of Thursday 6th November. This coincides with the Scholastic Book Fair they run during the week and involves children returning to school in their pyjamas for a story with a member of the staff team.

Last year, through their hard work and dedication, the PTA raised funds in excess of £25,000 providing a total profit of £16,508.. They agree to make regular contributions to the school each year which include stocking the PlayPod, buying books for the school and a contribution to help reduce the cost of school trips for everybody.

This year we have asked them to help fund a new outdoor play feature similar to the one pictured here. This will enhance playtimes for everyone and will be a great addition to our outdoor environment. We are currently gathering quotes and will update you when a final decision has been made.



Diary Dates:

Fri 24th Oct: Girl's football v Barrs Court
Fri 17th Oct: PTA Rags 2 Riches clothes collection
Mon 20th Oct: Parents' Evening
Tues 21st Oct: Y2 visit to We the Curious
Weds 22nd Oct: Parents' Evening
Thurs 23rd Oct: KS2 Achievement Assembly (9:15)
Fri 24th Oct: INSET Day: school closed to pupils
Mon 3rd Nov: Start of Term 2
Mon 3rd Nov: Y4 trip to library for theatre performance
Thurs 6th Nov: ESFA Boy's Football Tournament
Thurs 6th Nov: PTA Books at Bedtime
Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day school closed to pupils

Attendance Champions this week:



It is a very positive week for attendance with the whole school average at 97.2%. For the second week in a row, Year 3 top the attendance chart with very impressive attendance of 98.5%.

Both Elm and Rowan had 100% attendance this week which is remarkable. Oak, Elder, Chestnut and Willow all topped 98% and a further 3 classes exceeded our 97% target. Thank you to everyone with your continued efforts, they make a big difference to the children.

Sponsors Required



With both our girls and boys football teams in action already this term we are in search of sponsors to purchase new football kits to help them look like Blackhorse Champions when representing the school.

In return for your sponsorship we will place your company name on the front of the shirts and publicise your generosity in the local media and online.. If you can help then please contact Mr Fry via the school office.

This week's Champions!

Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners!

This week we have been focussing on the school value of respect. This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Ted & Rory
Reception	Charlie T & Henrik
Year 1	Marion & Effie
Year 2	Dylan & Miller
Year 3	Sienna & Frankie
Year 4	Grace P & Nico
Year 5	Harry & Alana
Year 6	Florence & Scarlet

This week's Champion...



Bravery is our focus this week and Harry in Poplar has been chosen as our Champion. Miss Mellish writes; 'Harry has been a shining example of bravery this week as we prepare for our final project in art. Not usually one to

enjoy being the centre of attention, he has allowed me to see his brilliant art pieces and use them as examples for the class. We've been incredibly impressed with his artistic abilities and we're very grateful that he has shown bravery in presenting his work and home creations be used as inspiration!

Spooky Lunch Reminder

On Thursday 23rd October the kitchen will be providing a spooky twist to the menu with scary desserts and spiningtling decorations. The main meal is the popular all day brunch with a vegetarian brunch also available.

